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## Genesis Review

- \* God made a good universe culminating with humans to represent him.
- \* When they sinned, God judged but promised rescue.
- \* When things got worse, God started over with Noah.
- \* A detour at Babel proves that God won't let us settle for less than the best.
- \* God reboots again with Abram and is faithful even when Abram isn't.

PERHAPS WE HAVE TURNED A CORNER? REMEMBER THE PROMISE? IS THIS THE HERO?

## Abram the Hero - Genesis 14

[1-4 • 5-7] • CAMPAIGN MAP • 8-12 • WHY ALL THIS? NOW IT'S PERSONAL!  
13-16 • WHEN LOT IS CAPTURED, ABRAM ROUTS FOUR GREAT KINGS WITH 318 MEN!  
NOT SURE WHICH IS MORE IMPRESSIVE :: MILITARY MIGHT • LOYALTY TO LOT  
17-24 • CONSIDER ALL THE WAYS ABRAM IS A DIFFERENT MAN

\* God gets the **CREDIT** for the **VICTORY**.

\* God gets the **CREDIT** for the **WEALTH**.  
REMEMBER GOD'S PROMISES OF BLESSING AND DEFENSE

Abram is a **CONFIDENT** hero by  
walking in the **PROMISES** of God.

ASIDE: LOT DOES NOTHING TO DESERVE OR ACHIEVE THE RESCUE.

## The Covenant - Genesis 15

WE LEARN ONE THING ABOUT ABRAM AND A LOT ABOUT GOD ALL IN VERSE 1

### Ge 15:1

The fundamental relationship God wants with Abram is one where

Abram realizes that **GOD** is **ALL** he **NEEDS**.

LET ME PROVE IT TO YOU

### Ge 15:2-6

SIMPLE HONEST QUESTION

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15:6

DEFINE RIGHTEOUSNESS AS DOING THE RIGHT THING, BEING IN RIGHT STANDING.

\* Righteousness is something God "**CREDITS**" to people.

THE ROOT OF "BELIEVE" • A-M-N • AMEN, CONVICTION, PILLAR OR COLUMN

\* Righteousness comes from a **FIRM COMMITMENT**.

AT THIS POINT, GOD HAS GIVEN NO PROOF, ABRAM IS TRUSTING THE PERSON NOT THE PROOF.

\* Righteousness comes from accepting what **GOD SAYS**.

NOTHING SPIRITUAL IN THIS COMMITMENT • PRACTICAL • NOW IN SIMPLE TERMS • "OKAY"  
THAT'S WHAT GOD HAS WANTED SINCE THE GARDEN... FOR PEOPLE TO SAY "OKAY" TO HIM!

Righteousness begins when we say "**OK**" to **GOD**.

TRANSITION :: HOW CAN I BELIEVE? ABRAM GOT A VISION • OR • WHAT IF I MESS UP?

### Ge 15:7-17

ABRAM ALREADY BELIEVES, BUT HE STILL WANTS TO KNOW... AND THAT'S OKAY!  
STOP AT VERSE 17

*Those who have violated my covenant and have not fulfilled the terms of the covenant they made before me, I will treat like the calf they cut in two and then walked between its pieces. The leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the court officials, the priests and all the people of the land who walked between the pieces of the calf, I will deliver into the hands of their enemies who want to kill them. Their dead bodies will become food for the birds and the wild animals.*

Jeremiah 34:18-20

CROSS MY HEART AND HOPE TO DIE, STICK A NEEDLE IN MY EYE  
IF EVER I SHOULD BREAK THIS VOW, MAY I BE JUST LIKE THIS COW.

DIFFERENCES • THIS CEREMONY HAS WAY MORE ANIMALS • ONLY GOD DOES THE WALKING.

### Ge 15:18-21

God is a **ONE-SIDED-COVENANT-  
MAKING** God, and he just wants you to say, "**OK**."

YOU SEE, GOD IS THE REAL HERO OF THIS STORY, GOD IS TAKING MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS!

## Take it Home

SO WHAT DO WE DO? WE DON'T HAVE ANY VISIONS!

*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.*

Hebrews 1:1-2

Is there anything Jesus said to which you cannot say "ok"?

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

John 10:10

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

John 3:16-18

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